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Valley Health System Joins MAMSI Health Plans Network

Rockville, Md. – Mid Atlantic Medical Services, LLC (MAMSI), a UnitedHealthcare Company whose health plans are active in the mid-Atlantic region, today announced that Valley Health System has joined its network. Effective immediately, customers of MAMSI’s health plans now have access to a robust array of high-quality hospitals serving Virginia and West Virginia: Winchester Medical Center, Warren Memorial Hospital, Shenandoah Memorial Hospital and Morgan County War Memorial Hospital. Other Valley Health System services covered by MAMSI health plans include Shenandoah Valley Health Services, Gateway Home Care, Surgi-Center of Winchester, Winchester Open MRI, Purcellville Imaging, and Valley Regional Enterprises.

“We are pleased to have Valley Health System in our network,” said Mark D. Groban, M.D., MAMSI Chairman of the Board. “Their inclusion expands the number of health care choices available to our customers who live in this rapidly growing area and demonstrates our continued commitment to bring them access to quality health care.”

The counties served by Valley Health System in Virginia include Frederick, Winchester, Clarke, Warren, Shenandoah, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Page and Western Loudoun, including Bluemont, Roundhill, Purcellville and Hamilton. In West Virginia, the counties of Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, and Grant are served.

“Valley Health System welcomes the opportunity to provide a variety of high quality health care services to customers of MAMSI health plans and looks forward to serving all their health care needs,” added Michael J. Halseth, President and CEO of Valley Health System.

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